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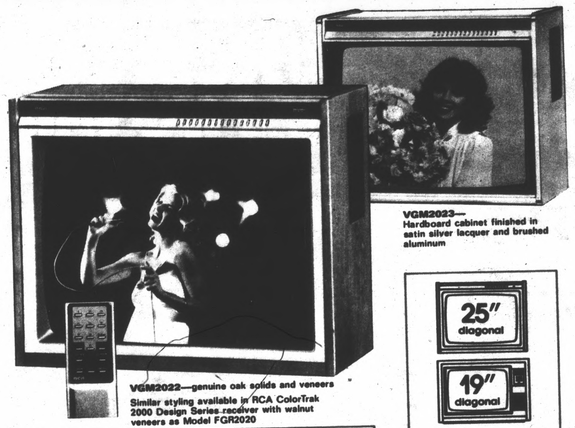

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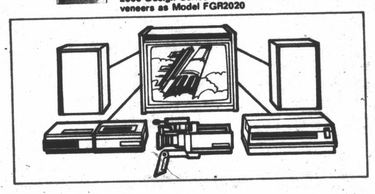

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Citizens become involved

Burglaries ignite action

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

It could happen to you! It is happening here in Appomattox. Just recently an Appomattox couple went home following work and found their home had been burglarized.

Burglary is not just a big city crime. For the past five years, burglary rates have increased faster in the suburbs and rural areas than in the cities.

Burglary is more than an expensive crime. A burglar confronted in your home means trouble.

Studies by local law enforcement agencies and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration have proved that burglaries can be prevented by deterence, delay and detection.

"Delaying a burglar for four minutes is generally considered sufficient to prevent entry into a house or apartment. The burglar wants to avoid being caught, so the longer it takes to force a door or window the greater his risk," said information from the National Sheriffs' Association.

The burglar wants to avoid making noices... such as breaking glass or smashing doors and he wants to avoid attracting attention. It is nearly impossible to make a house or apartment impregnable but it is relatively easy and inexpensive to make forced entry difficult and to delay the burglar.

The fear of being detected is the third element of burglary prevention. The possibility of detection is increased if you can delay a burglar, if you can force him to work where he can be observed and if he will have to make a noise or attract attention.

Alarms on doors and windows are the surest way to detect a burglar, but watchful neighbors alert to unusual activity are an effective means of detection.

Keeping in mind the principles of deterrence, delay, and detection you can take postive steps to decrease the likelihood that your house or apartment will be burglarized.

Responding to the requests of hundreds of local law enforcement agencies for assistance in developing crime prevention programs based on citizen participation, the National Sheriffs' Association organized the National Neighborhood Watch Program. Since 1972 the program has been funded by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice.

National Neighborhood Watch is a program designed to help individual citizens help themselves prevent crime. Neighborhood Watch focuses on the prevention of residential burglary.

The program is simply a number of neighbors joining together to help each other keep an eye open for suspicious persons and activities.

Richard Baldwin, Investigator with the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department, is in charge of crime prevention in this county.

"We have a crime committee made up of citizens representing all areas of Appomattox County," said Baldwin.

"We meet monthly, go over problems dealing with crime in the county. We offer tips on home security, on how to be on the lookout for suspicious vehicles, unfamiliar persons, or circumstances out of the ordinary," he added.

Ideally, families should form Neighborhood Watch by becoming acquainted with their neighbors across the street, on both sides, and to the rear. They would learn each others living patterns; such things as when family members are usually home, which members go to which school and when a family will be leaving on a trip or vacation. Then neighbors will be able to work together to protect their homes through vigilance.

"The program has been started in parts of the county," said Baldwin," and if any other neighborhoods are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch program, they may call the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department.

"Everyone should check with their insurance company to make sure their coverages are adequate. All policies have limitations for loss by theft on some items of personal property," said James H. Ford, Jr. Insurance agent for State Farm. "Replacement cost coverages are now available on most policies to provide the policy holder with more comprehensive coverage. If you have questions I'll be glad to try to answer them," he concluded.

Pickup Truck Catches Fire

CONCORD VOLUNTEER FIREMEN Kenneth Franklin (left) and Jim Goodwin (center) examine what remains of a farm truck's engine after the vehicle caught on fire Saturday afternoon. No one was hurt in the incident, which was reported at 2:45 p.m. Damage to the truck, a farm vehicle, was extensive, however. One truck and 18 volunteers from the Concord Department answered the call. (Photo by Jeff Spitzer)

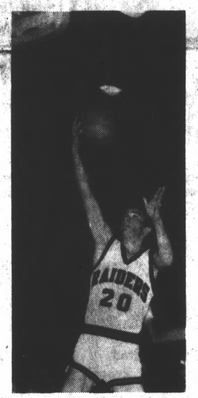
Evening meetings scheduled

In an effort to increase citizen participation in county government, the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors has initiated a meeting schedule which will include one night meeting per quarter during 1983.

At their January board meeting, the supervisors voted to adopt the new schedule, in order to allow more interested persons to attend the county government meetings.

The Monday night meetings will be continuations of the Friday meetings. Each third month in each quarter of 1983, the regular monthly Friday board meeting will be recessed and reconvened the following Monday night at 7 p.m.

The night meetings will be held in March, June, September and December, according to the schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors.



RICK CALDWELL SOARS for two of his game-high 20 points in Tuesday's overtime win against Altavista. See details, page 9. (Photo by Mike Williams)

FFA students help local woman

By FRANCES PAULETTE

For Mrs. Ella Thornton, paraplegic, things have been better at her house since December of last year, and all because a group of students at Appomattox County High School who cared enough to help.

It all began when Wesley Rich, rehabilitation counselor with the Department of Rehabilitative Services for the Commonwealth of Virginia, approached John McLean, assistant principal at the high school with an idea and plans for a ramp that would enable Mrs. Thornton, confined to her wheelchair, to get in and out of her home with greater ease.

McLean listened to the proposal land thought it worthwhile; it was then presented to the Future Farmers of Ameriea at the high school and to their instructors.

"We decided it could be done," said Albert Carter, instructor in agricultural education.

"We try to do some type of community service each year," said Carter. "After all, one of the primary objectives of the FFA group is to provide some type of community service."

"Approximately 40 boys were involved in the project in one way or another", said Bobby Waddell, also an instructor in agriculture at the school.

Mrs. Ella Thornton

"We weren't aware of the need of Mrs. Thornton until it was brought to our attention by Mr. Rich," said Waddell. "The students worked on it in their regular shop classes; it was built in two pieces and hauled to the Thornton home where it was anchored to the front stoop; cost of the materials was approximately $100 to $175 which was paid by the FFA department."

The group usually allocates $100 to $175 for community service work each year.

"I really think the fact that the class agreed to undertake the project after being approached by one of our rehabilitation counselors, Wesley Rich, shows the cooperative effort between the Department of Rehabilitation Services and your high school," said Faye Straub, Information Director for the services.

"I think the action of these young people truly demonstrates coopera tion between state and local government on behalf of someone who is disabled. Furthermore, the willingness of young people to contribute to such a worthwhile project is news that, I believe, your community would like to read," she concluded.

Mrs. Thornton has been paralyzed from the waist down since an automobile accident in January of 1975; she does all of her housework, with the exception of laundry, from her wheelchair. She is helped with the responsibilities of the home by her daughter, Verna Thornton, who is employed in Lynchburg. Mrs. Thornton has a son, William, who is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

"When the accident happened," said Mrs. Thornton, in a recent interview, "I was driving alone on an icy road in the county. It was a secondary road and when I lost control of the car, I was pinned underneath the car for approximately three hours. Finally some people came along, saw the car, found me and quickly called the rescue squad. I don't believe I lost consciousness until I was in the vehicle."

Mrs. Thornton remained in the hospital for approximately 10 months.

"I had Bilateral Harrington Rods installed from the back of my neck to the end of my spine," said Mrs. Thornton.

Mrs. Thornton, who was a presser for a local garment company, is unable to stand or walk.

"The ramp means so much to me," said Mrs. Thornton. "My daughter tries to get me out of the house as often as possible. I really enjoy the television and reading the newspaper but getting out of the house really helps, the ramp makes it so much easier. I really appreciate all Mr. Rich, the teachers at the school, and especially all the students did for me. It means so much."

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Maybe we should dismiss the topic of Weather by saying Traditional February. That goes for Martha Street and your area too. Problems pretty much the same. The faithful highway and utility crews kept communications open, the challenge was getting from your door to the street or road and then getting the car uncovered. Somehow, the job got done. Five inches of snow. Easy on wind and sleet. No school Monday. Going to my paper box early Monday, a neighbor had a snowman, big one, opposite and it was identifiable as a snow Smokey the Bear. Lots of telephoning around to see how friends were doing. I was thinking of those with problems of getting from their homes out to the cleared highway. What has to be done is done, somehow, and February has about three more weeks.

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Many scheduled activities postponed or called off. But some churches managed regular services Sunday. And thanks to the paper routemen and TV and the telephone, we kept up with events. The next big game is set for Thursday, U. VA and U.N.C. in basketball, No. 1 and No. 2. And that leads me to salute the amazing job of getting basketball and other sports scores available. I counted 147 high school basketball results in Saturday's paper. Onancock and Arcadia, Gate City and Lebanon, Laurel Park and Tunstall. In fact, why not say America is served a fantastic menu of news coverage.

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Son of Italian immigrants, who settled in Columbia, S.C. and then in Chicago, Joseph Bernadin has been elevated to the Roman Catholic College of Cardinals. One of 38, and the only one from the U.S. One of eight new Cardinals. And I mention this because when Joseph Barnadin was a high school student in Columbia, S.C. his English and Latin teacher was Miss Mildred McDearmon, native of Appomattox. Thanks to Mrs. Frances Mc.D. Cheatham for passing on this information. A delegation from Columbia attended the recent ceremonies at Vatican City, Rome.

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Coming up, the Chinense New Year this week-end, Year of The Boar and/or The Pig. And our month of May will have a Friday the 13th.

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February is a good month for reading. I am fortunate to have a fair library and at the moment am mired up in Hindu literature. The world is indebted to those who have translated the written word from one language to another so all may share what the world knows.

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We pipe smokers use a lot of matches. Bought a carton last week and instead of a commercial, each packet had a word with its source, meaning and history. Such words as curfew, derby, Ferris Wheel, boycott.

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Notepad. I do not recall seeing a car with gas feed and brake made for lefties.

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More from notepad. Saw a car license "Mrs. R. 1." Another ACE 1.

Thanks for reading. Seeya around.

Directory nearly complete

The Distributive Education Department at Appomattox County High School is in the final phase of its Business Directory Project. If any business in Appomattox County has not been contacted and you would like to have your business included in the directory, please contact John McHale, DE Coordinator, at 352-5317.

Lions Club will meet tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet on Thursday evening, Feb. 10 at 6:45 p.m. at the Country Fare Restaurant.

Ernie Johnson of the Virginia Department of Safety will be the guest speaker.

Members are urged to attend.

A Star is Born in Appomattox

APPOMATTOX PRINTER JACOB LEWIS (second from left) was visited by WDBJ-TV's "PM Magazine" crew last week. Jacob and Perry Mobley, an Appomattox County man who builds his own fiddles, will be the subjects of feature broadcasts on the popular evening magazine aired out of Roanoke. The show featuring the two local men is scheduled to be broadcast at 7 p.m. Feb. 17, on Channel 7. Shown with Jacob here are (from left) Bill Volkmann, Karen Branch, David Urano, and Julie Milligan. (Photo by Bill Sherrod)

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